

OTHER EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY FUNDING FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRAM FUNDS.

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(4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS REGARDING THE INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS OF AND THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS. THESE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE DETAILED TIME LINES FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(5) EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS THAT INCLUDE SPECIFIC DATA ABOUT THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF CHANGES IN STUDENT LEARNING FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY FUNDING FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRAM. THE INFORMATION GATHERED THROUGH THE SEMIANNUAL REPORTING SHALL BE USED TO MODIFY AND ENHANCE STRATEGIES THAT ARE HAVING A MEASURABLE IMPACT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS IMPLEMENT STUDENT PERFORMANCE STRATEGIES. EACH PROGRESS REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE USING THE CATEGORIES REQUIRED BY THE MARYLAND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM STANDARDS.

(6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAMS IN INCREASING THE PERFORMANCE OF AT-RISK STUDENTS.

(J) (1) FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (C) THROUGH (H) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT EXISTING EDUCATION FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AT RISK OF ACADEMIC FAILURE.

(2) TO THE EXTENT THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM ACHIEVES THE INTENDED FUNDING LEVEL IN A PARTICULAR TARGETED PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS, THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY DIVERT FUNDS TO OTHER TARGETED PROGRAMS IF THE PROGRAMS ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S ~~TARGETED IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM~~ COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(K) BEGINNING WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 1999 STATE BUDGET, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE NOT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN FISCAL YEAR 1998 FOR THE AGING SCHOOL PROGRAM, WHICH SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION. IN ADDITION TO THAT AMOUNT, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHALL BE PROVIDED ANNUALLY TO COUNTY BOARDS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) ALLEGANY COUNTY.....\$ 205,000
- (2) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.....330,000
- (3) BALTIMORE CITY..... 1,515,000